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CHRISTMAS SPIRIT OVER WAR-ZONE

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BRITAIN SENDS OVER HUGE GUNS SAID TO OUTRANGE GERMAN HOWITZERS—IMMENSE RESERVES OF SHELLS AND AMMUNITION PREPARED—FIELD HOSPITALS ARRANGED—GEN. JOFFRE GIVES TERRIBLE ILLUSTRATION OF STRENGTH OF CONCENTRATED ARTILLERY

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless.]
LONDON, England, Dec. 24.—Although no formal armistice has been declared by the warring nations to extend over Christmas day, there will probably be some concession to the Christmas spirit tomorrow in the lulling for a short period of the incessant pressure on the battle-lines and the almost ceaseless artillery duels.

Allies Sending Every Possible Comfort to Soldiers on the Front

LONDON, England, Dec. 24.—The official press bureau has closed and the censors are taking a Christmas holiday. French and British relatives and friends of the soldiers at the front are sending everything permissible in the way of comforts and delicacies to the men in the field. King Albert from his personal fortune is supplying every Belgian soldier with 25 cigars. All of the Allied governments are making every possible effort to bring good cheer to the men engaged in battle.

Huge New Guns and Enormous Stores of Ammunition Prepared

PARIS, France, Dec. 24.—The latest British army reinforcements brought with them many new guns of tremendous size and power. They are 14-inch howitzers, and they will out-range the famous German 42-centimeter mortars. Immense reserves of shells and ammunition are being prepared close to the battle-line, to be used in the advance as the Allies press forward in Belgium and France. Field hospitals which will accommodate many wounded are also being arranged.

Gen. Joffre Calls Military Observers and Annihilates Germans in Trenches

PARIS, France, Dec. 24.—Modern artillery warfare at the height of its perfection is illustrated in a story that has just come from the front. Three days ago, General Joffre, the Allied commander in chief, summoned military observers to his headquarters with the message: "Come and you will see something never before seen in any war." The observers were conducted to a position near Arras, where 800 heavy guns were concentrated on a short segment of German trenches at known ranges. At the command, the whole battery opened a furious fire simultaneously and sustained it for fifteen minutes. At the end of a quarter of an hour the firing ceased and a charge of infantry was ordered and carried out. As the regiments rushed across the intervening space between their lines and the German trenches, there was no counter-charge, not a shot nor a gleam of bayonet in the German positions. They found the trenches scored as though a huge ploughshare had torn the soil to pieces. The holes were filled with dead and wounded soldiers, many of them buried by the ground thrown up by the shells. Some wounded prisoners were taken but not a man escaped.

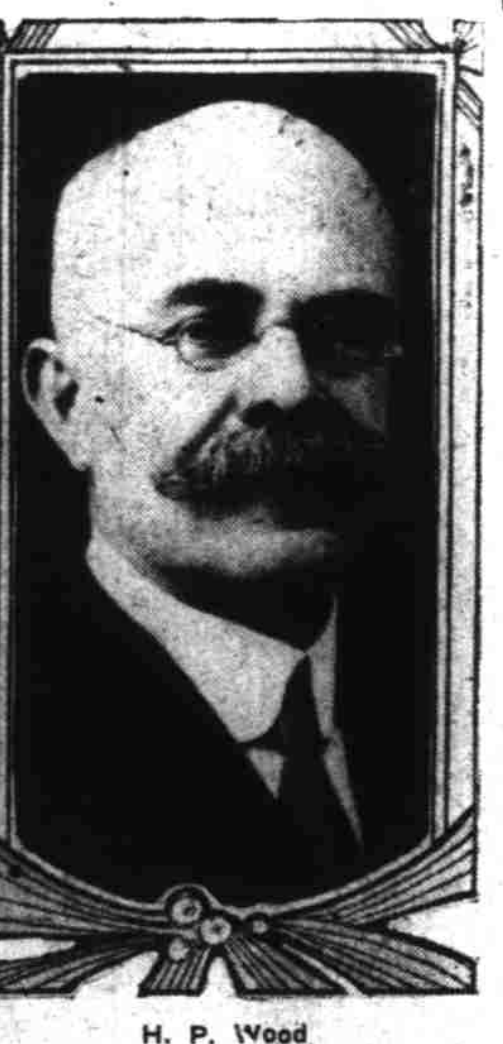
Pittsburg Mills Rushed to Limit With War Orders For Barbed-Wire

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 24.—The big steel mills of Pittsburg are busy filling war orders for the belligerent nations. One hundred and twenty-five thousand tons of barbed wire have been ordered, equivalent to 275,000 miles, to be used in entanglements before the positions in the field.

"BILL" AYLETT OUT FOR GARBAGE JOB, IS RUMOR

R. W. Aylett, former supervisor, former member of the legislature, former night-watchman at the capitol building, is the subject of a rumor that he is going to land the job. There will probably be a lively row if Aylett is pushed for the position. Alfred C. Hagen has been appointed administrator with the will annexed of the estate of Sophie Hagen, who died November 19.

WILL DIRECT HAWAII'S DESTINIES AT MAMMOTH EXPOSITION IN 'FRISCO



H. P. Wood

WOOD WILL BE RESIDENT FAIR COMMISSIONER

Chairman of Local Exposition Body Will Have Complete Charge of Building
EXPECTS TO APPOINT CHIEF CLERK WITHIN FEW DAYS
Jonah Kumalae Secures Contract to Furnish Hawaiian Music Throughout Fete

After an absence of nearly a month, during which time he underwent a serious operation, H. P. Wood was back in his office today and at 11 o'clock presided over a meeting of the members of the Hawaii fair commission, which organization took further steps toward the perfection of its plans for Hawaii's exhibit at the Panama-Pacific exposition. Mr. Wood received the appointment of resident commissioner from Hawaii, and announced that he will leave for San Francisco January 5, making his headquarters in the Hawaiian building. The matter of the appointment of a chief clerk, which has been hanging fire for the past three months, was brought to a head with the creation of that office, with the proviso that the selection of a chief clerk be left to Mr. Wood, the appointment to be made subject to the approval of the commission. Mr. Wood says that he probably will decide upon a chief clerk within a few days.

Jonah Kumalae picked another "plum" from the commission's financial tree when the members accepted the music committee's report which is to the effect that, of all the musical organizations which have entered the competitive race to secure the contract for furnishing Hawaiian music in the territory's building at the exposition, Mr. Kumalae's organization has been found by the committee to be the best. Mr. Kumalae's bid was \$5800 for five musicians, but the commission has decided to increase this number to seven boys. The contract for the concession in the Hawaiian building was awarded to Kumalae about two months ago.

In a brief report to the commission, Chairman Wood stated that Gordon Osborne, who now is in San Francisco, is making excellent progress in his decoration of the interior of the Hawaiian building. The chairman also pointed out that the exposition has done away with its plans for a salt and fresh water aquarium, and that the aquarium in the Hawaiian building will be the only feature of its kind in the exposition grounds. The paraphernalia for the aquarium was installed by Fred Potter, Jr., superintendent of the local aquarium in Kapoia park.

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GERMAN 'PLANE RAIDS ENGLAND

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DOVER, ENGLAND, DEC. 24.—A GERMAN AEROPLANE DROPPED A BOMB HERE TODAY AND DISAPPEARED. THE BOMB EXPLODED IN A GARDEN AND DID NO DAMAGE.

CHRISTMAS BABY OF 80 YEARS AGO WILL CELEBRATE

Mrs. Lydia B. Bingham Coan Will Visit Kawaiahoa Church, Her Birthplace, Tomorrow
Born on the old Kawaiahoa mission property on Christmas morning in 1834, Mrs. Lydia B. Bingham Coan, first principal of the Kawaiahoa Seminary, will celebrate her 80th birthday tomorrow, amidst congratulations of the hundreds of descendants of early missionaries.

Every birthday since she resigned as principal of the school, in 1873, Mrs. Coan has visited the place of her birth, now better known as the Kawaiahoa church, on King street. Despite her advanced years, Mrs. Coan will follow her annual custom and visit the mission tomorrow where she will be greeted and congratulated by her many friends of Honolulu.

Mrs. Coan was the daughter of Hiram Bingham, Sr., one of the early missionaries of Hawaii, who arrived in the islands about 1820. Later, Mrs. Coan was born at her father's home on the present mission site and in 1866 the seminary was established with Mrs. Coan as principal. She remained in this position for six and one-half years, during which time she caused several additions to be made to the original building.

After resigning, she married Titus Coan and in later years she removed to the Gilbertina, the residence of Hiram Coan, Jr., her brother, where she has since resided. The Gilbertina was named in honor of Dr. Bingham's missionary work in the Gilbert islands. Mrs. Coan is one of the oldest native born residents in the islands. Hiram Bingham, Jr., died about five years ago.

Another report has been to the effect that District Attorney McCormick might be named to a judicial office. Senator James L. Cooke's recent hurried departure for the mainland was said to foreshadow a change in the district attorney's office, it being intimated that he had been called to Washington by certain senators and was a possibility for appointment to succeed District Attorney McCormick.

Foster Coats, editor of the Atlanta Georgian, died at his home in Atlanta.

COUNT OKUMA WILL DISSOLVE PARLIAMENT CHRISTMAS DAY



Count Okuma, premier of Japan, who announces his intention of dissolving parliament tomorrow.

Anti-Governmental Party Fight Against Proposed Japanese Army Appropriation Cause of This Action

(Special cable to the Nippu Jiji.)
TOKIO, Japan, Dec. 24.—Premier Count Okuma has announced that tomorrow he will officially dissolve the Japanese parliament and call for a new election. The announcement was made following a caucus of the members of the Seiyukai, the anti-governmental party, at which time it was decided that that body would institute a fight on the floor of parliament to cut down the army appropriation bill, and oppose the clause which provides for the establishment of two additional army divisions for station in Korea.

At a session of the chamber of deputies tomorrow, it is said that the Seiyukai and the other anti-governmental parties will make their final fight against the army appropriation bill and, as these bodies have the controlling majority in the chamber membership, they are assured of the success of their fight. It is further reported that the members of the Seiyukai have commenced a fight to cut down the appropriation which provides for the construction of more warships and other fighting craft.

CHRISTMAS HERE FOLLOWING GOOD BUSINESS SEASON

After a period of record Christmas sales tonight will mark the opening of the holiday season in Honolulu, followed by a general celebration of Christmas tomorrow that, from all indications, will surpass any previous Yuletide event in this city.

Nor will the celebration be confined to a class or to classes. It will reach out to every home in the city, to the ships in port, to the army posts, and even to the unfortunates in the jails. Santa Claus will visit more homes this year than ever before, for the "Spugs," that unorganized body of voluntary Santa Claus, have been exceedingly active at homes that otherwise would have been empty.

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MILITARY ROAD OVER KOLEKOLE PASS PLANNED

Surveys Have Been Made and Working Party Has Been Ordered Out
WILL BE COMPLETED IN ABOUT TEN DAYS
Two Battalions of Infantry and a Squadron of Cavalry are On Job

A military road over Kolekole pass is an addition to Oahu's highways that will be a reality within a short time. Orders are out for a large force of soldiers to tackle the job of making a smooth and well graded road over the Waianae range, back of Schofield barracks, and work will be started next Monday. It is estimated that about ten days will be required to complete the road. Two battalions of infantry, one from the 25th, under Maj. Goss, and one from the 1st, commanded by Maj. Newman, and one squadron of cavalry make up the working party. This force will go into camp back of the artillery cantonment, near the foot of the pass, and will conduct building operations from that base. At present the road over the pass is little more than a trail, although artillery has been taken across with great difficulty. The new road will be of military value and will also be open to the public, as are all roads throughout the post. The survey of the Kolekole pass road was made recently by 2d Lieut. C. J. Ballinger, 25th Infantry, who has just joined the regiment. The grade stakes are already set.

WOMAN IS FREED AFTER 23 YEARS SPENT IN PRISON

Governor Pinkham Grants Pardon to 13 Residents of Oahu Prison as Christmas Present
Probably the best-appreciated Christmas gifts bestowed in Honolulu this year are the 13 granted to inmates of Oahu prison by Governor Pinkham. The gifts consist of two full pardons, six commutations and five paroles, the majority of them bringing liberty to the recipients tomorrow morning.

The one undoubtedly appreciated the most of all is the pardon granted to a woman between 50 and 60 years of age, who has been imprisoned nearly 23 years on two sentences of life imprisonment, for three gruesome murders committed by her and her confederates on the island of Lanai during the days of the monarchy, in the early spring of 1892. Puloa probably has been in jail longer than any other person at present in that institution. Puloa's crimes were among the most notorious ever committed in these islands, and her brutality in their commission so stirred the citizens of Maui and Lanai that after the first trial, when she was convicted by a native jury, the second trial was transferred from Wailuku to Kaula, to obtain a more impartial jury. During her many later years in prison it is said Puloa has reformed and repented of her early evil deeds. She comes forth now an aged, broken and deeply chastened woman.

The story of her crimes and their motive, as related by the newspaper files of 22 years ago, is briefly that she claimed the powers of a kahuna, or sorceress, and, falling in love with her sister's husband, set out to kill the sister and her own husband, that she might be free to marry the brother-in-law. In order to accomplish this without causing suspicion of her real motives, she began by punishing a 6-year-old boy, the son of her elder brother. Assisted by her retainer, "soldiers" she first assaulted her husband, cowed him and then literally beat the child to death. Aided actively by the sweetheart, she wished to marry she then attacked her sister. The murderous couple (Continued on page three)

NOTICE
The banks and trust companies will not be open for the transaction of business either Christmas day, December 25th, or Monday, December 26th.—Adv.

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